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ABSTRACT:

   PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a new interactive graphical user interface
and a computer system architecture for managing the generation and distribution
of a document (10) regardlessly of a document preparation application (56) and
a conventional printer driver (64).

   SOLUTION: A document and the menu of options for operating print preparation
are simultaneously displayed, and at least one of the displayed options is

selected by a user, and the selected option is applied to the document so that the displayed document can be corrected while the applied option can be reflected thereon. Thus, the user can confirm what can be obtained by himself or herself based on the correction of the document. In this case, the menu of the options for print preparation includes plural menus related with formatting and finish options. In a second execution configuration, a series of menus constituted of options related with formatting, finish, and print is presented to the user as a logical set of display pictures sequenced by each step of prescribed document generation and a print workflow.

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